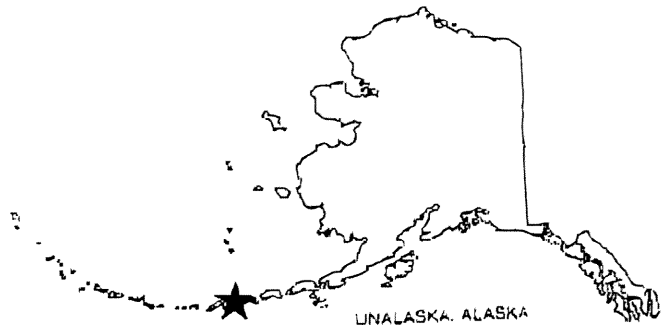


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Re: Comments, 2006-2009 STIP Amendment #13

Dear Mr. Tolley

The City of Unalaska has reviewed the 2006-2009 STIP Amendment # 13 document and has the following comments:

- **Title:** MARINE HIGHWAY Terminal: Unalaska Ferry Terminal  
**Project Need ID:** 18784

It is our understanding that the federal earmark for this project is \$7.5 million. However, the proposed amendment shows total funding to be \$6.9 million. While funding for design and construction is spread over the course of four years, the City believes the project can and should be planned for completion in two years. This dock was originally built as a freight wharf and was not specifically designed to accommodate large passenger flows. The staging for passenger service occurs in a heavy industrial area, and the safety problems have been compounded with the advent of summer cruise ships. The project will create a distinct and separate area for AMHS vessel queuing that does not exist today. Currently, vessels queue in and around the Unalaska Marine Center, often mingling with containerized and industrial traffic and activities, and the waiting area is often congested with any given type of marine-related commercial activity. The necessity for completing this project as quickly as possible and, thereby, improve AMHS passengers safety has escalated as AMHS has scheduled a 50% increase in port calls for 2006. This project will provide a separate and dedicated waiting area for AMHS traffic and address needed safety-related improvements.


- **Title:** East Point/Ballyhoo Road Rehabilitation Phase I  
**Project Need ID:** 2685

The City received a letter in August 2005, from Gordon Keith, then Director of Construction and Operations, requesting this project be segregated into two separate projects. The City responded to said letter acknowledging the necessity, due to funding constraints, for the two roads to become separate projects. Ballyhoo Road would be undertaken as the first project and the East Point Road segment being completed at a later date, but remain in the STIP. To date, the City has not received

confirmation on the separation of these projects. None of this information is reflected in the proposed amendment. In addition the project description, last sentence, states 'Includes Bridge No. 1386, South Channel Unalaska on Airport Beach Road.' This statement is confusing this project has nothing to do the Bridge No. 1386.

Because these projects are a high priority for the Unalaska City Council and for the community, progress in their development should go forward uninterrupted. On behalf of the City of Unalaska, we appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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City Manager